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Claim 3: The floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 2** wherein said item is a gift item.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 1 or 2....**")

Claim 4: The floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 1** wherein said supporting rods are made substantially of bright or refined steel wire.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in one of the preceding claims**")

Claim 5: The floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 1** wherein said item is secured to said supporting rod via a fastener in which said supporting rod is inserted.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in one of the preceding claims.....**")

Claim 7: The floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 5** wherein said item is adhered to an adhesive surface area of said fastener.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 5 or 6**")

Claim 8: The floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 5** wherein said fastener is made substantially of PE.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 5, 6 or 7**")

Claim 9: A method of configuring a floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 1** including an item integrated therein comprising the following steps:

- a) securing said item to a support comprising a plurality of bendable supporting rods held at one end circularly bundled by a common supporting base and
- b) arranging said floral arrangement about said support.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in one of the preceding claims.....**")

Claim 11: The method as set forth in **claim 9** wherein said support is held in a stand in configuring said floral arrangement.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 9 or 10....**")

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Claim 12: support for items in a floral arrangement as set forth in **claim 1** including a bundle of bendable supporting rods firmly bundled together circularly at one end at a common supporting base for securing said items in said floral arrangement.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in one of the claims 1 - 8 or for using in a procedure as set forth in claims 9 -11.....**")

Claim 14: The support as set forth in **claim 12** wherein said supporting rods are crimped together.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 12 or 13.....**")

Claim 15: The support as set forth in **claim 12** wherein said supporting rods form a bundle of supporting rods in round or hexagonal cross-section in a hexagonal symmetrical arrangement in cross-section.

(In the originally filed application: "**as set forth in claims 12, 13 or 14.....**")

In the description, the numerals of the paragraphs and the headlines "Background of the Invention", "Summary of the Invention", "Brief Description of the Drawings", "Detailed Description" have been added.